

SHB 2233 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that active military
4 and naval veterans, reserve military and naval veterans, and national
5 guard members called to active duty have served their country and have
6 risked their lives to defend the lives of all Americans and the
7 freedoms that define and distinguish our nation. The legislature
8 intends to honor active military and naval veterans, reserve military
9 and naval veterans, and national guard members who have served on
10 active military or naval duty for the public service they have provided
11 to this country by making available to all eligible admitted veterans
12 a waiver of operating fees by a state university, a regional
13 university, The Evergreen State College, or the community colleges as
14 a whole, to veterans who qualify under RCW 28B.15.621.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.910 and 2005 c 249 s 3 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (1) For the purpose of providing state general fund support to
18 public institutions of higher education, except for revenue waived
19 under programs listed in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, and
20 unless otherwise expressly provided in the omnibus state appropriations
21 act, the total amount of operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or
22 reduced by a state university, a regional university, The Evergreen
23 State College, or the community colleges as a whole, shall not exceed
24 the percentage of total gross authorized operating fees revenue in this
25 subsection. As used in this section, "gross authorized operating fees
26 revenue" means the estimated gross operating fees revenue as estimated
27 under RCW 82.33.020 or as revised by the office of financial
28 management, before granting any waivers. This limitation applies to
29 all tuition waiver programs established before or after July 1, 1992.

- 1 (a) University of Washington 21 percent
- 2 (b) Washington State University 20 percent
- 3 (c) Eastern Washington University 11 percent
- 4 (d) Central Washington University 8 percent
- 5 (e) Western Washington University 10 percent
- 6 (f) The Evergreen State College 6 percent
- 7 (g) Community colleges as a whole 35 percent

8 (2) The limitations in subsection (1) of this section apply to
 9 waivers, exemptions, or reductions in operating fees contained in the
 10 following:

- 11 (a) RCW 28B.15.014;
- 12 (b) RCW 28B.15.100;
- 13 (c) RCW 28B.15.225;
- 14 (d) RCW 28B.15.380;
- 15 (e) RCW 28B.15.520;
- 16 (f) RCW 28B.15.526;
- 17 (g) RCW 28B.15.527;
- 18 (h) RCW 28B.15.543;
- 19 (i) RCW 28B.15.545;
- 20 (j) RCW 28B.15.555;
- 21 (k) RCW 28B.15.556;
- 22 (l) RCW 28B.15.615;
- 23 (m) RCW 28B.15.621(2);
- 24 (n) RCW 28B.15.730;
- 25 ~~((n))~~ (o) RCW 28B.15.740;
- 26 ~~((o))~~ (p) RCW 28B.15.750;
- 27 ~~((p))~~ (q) RCW 28B.15.756;
- 28 ~~((q))~~ (r) RCW 28B.50.259; and
- 29 ~~((r))~~ (s) RCW 28B.70.050(~~(i) and~~
- 30 ~~(s) RCW 28B.15.621(2))~~).

31 (3) The limitations in subsection (1) of this section do not apply
 32 to waivers, exemptions, or reductions in services and activities fees
 33 contained in the following:

- 34 (a) RCW 28B.15.522;
- 35 (b) RCW 28B.15.540; and
- 36 (c) RCW 28B.15.558.

37 (4) The total amount of operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or
 38 reduced by institutions of higher education participating in the

1 western interstate commission for higher education western
2 undergraduate exchange program under RCW 28B.15.544 shall not exceed
3 the percentage of total gross authorized operating fees revenue in this
4 subsection.

- 5 (a) Washington State University 1 percent
- 6 (b) Eastern Washington University 3 percent
- 7 (c) Central Washington University 3 percent

8 (5) The institutions of higher education will participate in
9 outreach activities to increase the number of veterans who receive
10 tuition waivers. Colleges and universities shall revise the
11 application for admissions so that all applicants shall have the
12 opportunity to advise the institution that they are veterans who need
13 assistance. If a person indicates on the application for admissions
14 that the person is a veteran who is in need of assistance, then the
15 institution of higher education shall ask the person whether they have
16 any funds disbursed in accordance with the Montgomery GI Bill available
17 to them. Each institution shall encourage veterans to utilize funds
18 available to them in accordance with the Montgomery GI Bill prior to
19 providing the veteran a tuition waiver."

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20 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "veterans;" strike the
21 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28B.15.910; and
22 creating a new section."

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